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Mr. John C. Russell



Dear Jack,

Thanks very much for your nice note. I am delighted to hear that the  seem to be establishing themselves. I agree with you on their tremendous resilience, so the prognosis for the future can only be good.

And thanks for the good word from Vermont. We only got a few days there, but we had a great time also.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby
Director

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Dear Bill:

Thanks very much for your kind letter of August 25 which our son Jack forwarded to us. We both appreciate your feelings about our Vietnamese friends. This is to bring you up-to-date on developments.

Although we have been in Vermont we have kept in close touch with the [] family and Jack and his wife have been in touch with the family on a daily basis. The eldest daughter has a job at [] in Silver Spring. She works in the kitchen fixing salad plates and checking on food attractiveness before it goes to the customer--at least this is what we gather from conversation.

[] applied for a job as a store manager trainee with Peoples Drug Store chain. He was interviewed several times, took a polygraph test and now has been accepted as a trainee at \$125 per week to start out.

The three children of school age entered High School and Junior High and at the end of the first week are all quite pleased. They met some other Vietnamese students and this has helped out a great deal.

I think that I told you that [] is an experienced seamstress and she is working hard on English in order that she can begin to sew for ladies.

So the [] family is off and running. [] and his wife seem quite happy and are working hard. In all of the time that I was in Vietnam and I never knew of people giving up after a disaster. I have seen them after their houses burned or were destroyed, and while there were tears sometimes for awhile, they would start at once to clear out the rubble and start building something to live in. They are truly a resilient people; but I guess history has made them that way.

We will pass on to [] your best regards and best wishes. Eleanor joins in best wishes to Barbara and you.

Sincerely

John Russell

Mr. W.E. Colby

*It has been great in Vermont
and we know that you love it too.*